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TODAY:

Mostly sunny with a high of 70 and a low of 40.

FRIDAY:

Partly cloudy with a high of 72 and a low of 43.

SATURDAY:

Showers with a high of 62 and a low of 40.

SUNDAY:

Mostly sunny with a high of 58 and a low of 38.

verbatim

"There's a lot of sex, there's a lot of talk about sex. Basically the girls at the club are selling sex."

Sara Nash

Faculty Votes Down Gen Ed Transfer Limit

By RYAN HAMM
Assistant News Editor

At this week's Faculty Senate meeting, the long-debated motion to limit the number of allowed transferred general education courses was defeated. The members of the Faculty Senate overwhelmingly voted against the motion.

The motion, which was originally presented by the faculty Academic Affairs Committee at last year's April 5 faculty meeting, proposed to limit the number of allowed transferred general education courses to three. According to the submitted motion, limiting the number of general education transfer credits would make an assertion about the importance of Mary Washington College's liberal arts mission and general education program, and it would stop the abuse of a small minority of students who avoid general education courses at the college.

The motion was sent back to the committee after the faculty voiced concerns over the potential hardships of students who study abroad, are education majors or are bachelor of liberal studies students.

At the Oct. 4 Faculty Senate meeting, senior Cristabel Opp, Academic Affairs Council chair, asked the faculty to delay making a decision on the



File Photo

Junior Cristabel Opp, academic affairs committee chair, gathered student opinion on the motion.

proposed motion in order to have time to collect student input on the matter.

"I felt that gathering student opinion and informing the student body about the motion was worth waiting to vote for a month," Opp said.

Opp toured a committee of students who put

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Gore Wins Mock Election



Corey Byrnes/Bullet

Juniors Liz King, Carrie Pencek and Dave Dodrill cast their votes in the mock election held Monday by the College Democrats and College Republicans.

By AUDREY MORAN
Staff Writer

Monday's mock elections gave evidence of a clear Democratic streak on campus, with Vice President Al Gore storming the presidential election, and Democrat Lawrence Davis narrowly defeating Jo Ann Davis, his Republican opponent for the 1st Congressional District of Virginia.

With 394 students providing their input, the mock elections had over a 10 percent participation rate, enough to establish their accuracy in representing student opinion, according to sophomore Brandon Robinson, an organizer of the event.

College Republicans and College Democrats joined forces to sponsor the event, mainly in order "to see how Mary Washington students are going to affect the elections," said mock election organizer Judie Siegal, a freshman.

Robinson said the event was designed to motivate young voters.

"We wanted to introduce people to how the whole system works, and maybe increase voter turnout for our age group," Robinson said.

Robinson, who sat at the mock election table for a large part of the day, said that a surprisingly large portion of students who voted did not appear to have strong opinions in favor of one particular candidate or another.

"We had some people who were really adamant, and some very indecisive," Robinson said.

"People would come up and start talking out loud, saying 'hmm, I don't like this about him, but I don't like that about him.' I think it reflects the general indecision."

In next Tuesday's elections, swing voters, who do not usually vote according to party lines, have been expected to greatly affect the outcome of the presidential race.

"I'm disappointed in the choices," said one voter, freshman Carolyn Hughes, who does not strongly support either of the major-party candidates. The view that the Republicans and Democrats have become too similar could be a factor in the substantial portion of the vote received by third-party candidates.

"I was happy to see that they included Nader on the ballot," said junior Clay Templeton, head of the Green Party student organization, who at the time did not know the results of the mock election.

Not only was he included, but Nader actually garnered 16 percent of the campus votes for president. If it were up to Mary Washington College students, the Green Party would have no problem maintaining the 5 percent of popular vote which it needs in order to receive federal campaign matching funds.

Many students who will not

Mock Presidential Election Results:

Gore: 185 / 47%
Bush: 142 / 36%
Nader: 64 / 16%
Buchanan: 1 / 0.33%

actually be able to vote in the 1st Congressional District election had a chance to do so in the mock election in which Davies defeated Davis by nine votes. Thirteen percent of the vote went to third-party contenders.

Josh Billings, an Independent candidate, whose performance at the Mary Washington College congressional debate in September was marked by cries about getting fascists out of the government, received more votes than the Libertarian candidate, Sharon Wood.

"We misprinted her name," explained Robinson. "We had Emily Wood on the ballots instead of Sharon Wood." He said that some could have been confused by the misprint.

Virginia is expected to go for the Republican presidential candidate, as it has in every election since 1964. Although the college will not affect that balance too much, the political influence of the college is more significant at the local level.

High CO₂ Levels In GW Cause Health Concerns

By KERI HENLEY
Staff Writer

Staff members who have offices in George Washington Hall may be facing a health risk. Last January, levels of carbon dioxide in the basement of the administration building went over state regulation, causing related sicknesses for some employees.

The air quality in George Washington Hall has caused several people to become sick and one staff member's office was moved because of high carbon dioxide levels. The basement, where Human Resources, Computer Network Services and Financial Services are located, houses 21 offices, according to Facilities Services.

Lisa Hill, assistant dean of academic services, had her office moved from the basement to the second floor of George Washington Hall because of the conditions

in her first office.

"My allergist said that toxins that were probably trapped between the floor and carpet were what caused my problem," Hill said.

Hill said that she had continual migraine headaches that made her nauseous and sick. She also said that after moving offices and taking allergy shots she began to feel better.

Prolonged exposure to carbon dioxide can cause an increase of the gas in the blood, which can cause headaches, nausea and visual disturbances.

Sabrina Johnson, assistant vice president for human resources, declined to comment on whether her personal health has been affected by basement air conditions in George Washington Hall.

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Corey Byrnes/Bullet

George Thurston, right, and Kevin Stiegler, work in Computer and Network Services in the basement of GW Hall.

JMC Staffer Saves The Day For ACT-Takers

By CAROLINE WALLINGER
Staff Writer

Priscilla Sullivan at the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies may have saved Mary Washington College from yet another controversy over multiculturalism this year.

Upward Bound, a program designed to get more underprivileged minorities into college, left campus last year after it failed to receive funding from the government, leaving no one behind to administer the ACT College Entrance Exam, an exam similar to the SAT, to prospective students.

Traditionally, the Upward Bound program at Mary Washington College had handled ACT testing, and the ACT board had no notification that the program had been discontinued.

The board frantically called Sullivan last week looking for a place to give the test and someone to oversee the event. Sullivan, who administers graduate exams at the James Monroe Center, agreed to look into the situation.

"I called [Director of Events] Susan Knick to find space to give the test, and luckily, Jepsen 100 was available," Sullivan said.

The test is usually given in Jepsen due to its large classrooms, so there were few problems in forming registered students of the change.

According to Sullivan, 85 mostly minority high school students were without a test site administrator before the James Monroe Center intervened.

"These students had already bought their tickets and everything," Sullivan said. "They had no wind of any problems."

Steve Trammel, an ACT official, said he received a call from Larry Davis, the former director of Upward Bound, saying that he had a letter concerning the testing but that he was no longer with the college. Davis said that he had notified ACT of the change but that they never received the paperwork. "At that time we were without a supervisor for the testing, so I called the college and asked if there was anyone that we could get to administer this test," Trammel said. "We recruited Priscilla fairly close to the test date."

Sullivan said that she will continue to administer the test whenever possible. "They offer the ACT six to eight times a year, and traditionally we've done it about twice a year at MWC, so as long as it doesn't conflict with my graduate exams, I will continue to give it," Sullivan said.

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Priscilla Sullivan

CO2 Levels To Be Monitored

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Ruth Lovelace, director of environmental health and safety, is responsible for monitoring the carbon dioxide levels. She said the levels increased because of the lack of oxygen in the recirculation routes in the heating system in each office suite.

"There is no exchange of air with the outside. The building is designed for a certain amount of people and probably have too many. Our options are to move people, which is unlikely, or to always keep the windows open a crack," Lovelace said.

Lovelace said she monitored the air, humidity and temperature for three months, and the readings decreased during that time. Since then there have been no reported illnesses, though Lovelace herself feels that the office conditions are not the best.

"It isn't the greatest of areas to want an office, but because of the particular situation, it is difficult to house people elsewhere in an institution this size,"

she said.

As the weather becomes colder, the carbon dioxide levels will be monitored more closely, Lovelace said, to make sure that a repeat of last year does not occur.

Facilities Services also is still in the process of cleaning up water damage due to the flooding in September. Lovelace said the mold resulting from the flooding was not significant, but that it is not helping the situation. Facilities Services hopes to re-tile the floor in the future.

Over time, these changes and use of technological advancements will improve the conditions in George Washington Hall, Lovelace said. According to Lovelace, the air and building conditions are among top priorities for the college as well herself.

"We are getting smarter all the time about this stuff. My philosophy is that as long as I am aware and we are making improvements, that is fine with me," she said.

"There is no exchange of air with the outside. The building is designed for a certain amount of people and we probably have too many."

Ruth Lovelace



Compiled by Mark H. Rodeffer

Senate Candidates Spar Over Race Relations

Locked in a tough bid for re-election, U.S. Sen. Chuck Robb, D-Va., Tuesday attacked what he said was his Republican opponent George Allen's "intolerable" and "appalling" record on racial concerns. After noting that Allen used to hang a Confederate flag in his home and a noose in his law office, Robb pointed out in a Richmond press conference that as a state legislator, Allen voted against the Martin Luther King holiday and established April as Confederate History Month while governor. Allen responded that the noose in his office was meant to represent his tough stance on crime and was not racially motivated. "It's pathetic that some people use this Clintonesque method," Allen told reporters.

Prisoners Demand Veggies

Vegetarians behind bars and prisoners who just don't want to eat mystery meat served up by the Federal Bureau of Prisons can now eat tofu, fried eggplant, veggie burgers or cottage cheese at mealtime. The new meals could lead to better behavior in prison, because high-fiber meals slightly reduce testosterone, according to The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, a Washington-based think tank. Vegetarian meals are cheaper and could reduce the cost of medical care in prison because scoffing down meats and dairy products increases the risk for diabetes, clogged arteries, high blood pressure, cancer and other health problems.

Half-Million Dollar Request To Elian Gonzales' Miami Relatives Challenged

A woman who left her \$500,000 estate to the Miami relatives of Elian Gonzales suffered from "mental illness of psychotic proportions," according to a forensic psychologist. In a hearing challenging the bequest, the psychologist said that Anne Katherine Abernathy, 57, believed that Nazis and Stalinists who wanted to overthrow the U.S. government were persecuting her. Abernathy's relatives are challenging the four-page will she wrote in July, hours before killing herself. Attorneys for the Gonzales family say the woman was competent and kept detailed financial records, followed the news and was able to fill out a will.

Entertainment Giant Withdraws From Napster Lawsuit

BMG Music announced Tuesday that it will withdraw from the record industry's lawsuit against Napster. Napster, which provides free music to millions online, plans to launch a subscription-based service that will funnel a large part of the money it makes into the pockets of artists, songwriters, recording companies and music publishers. When the new Napster is launched, BMG says it will invest in the company.

When Pigs Fly...

A six-hour flight from Philadelphia to Seattle carried 201 passengers—200 people and one pig—on Oct. 17. The swine's owners convinced US Airways that the pig was a service animal. Under Federal Aviation Administration rules, service animals are allowed on commercial flights. The pig, which took up two first class seats, went berserk as the plane taxied toward the Seattle terminal, running through the jet, going to the bathroom on the floor, and trying to get into the cockpit. The FAA is investigating the incident.

Campus Information

▼ The Department of Political Science will present "Presidential Campaign 2000: An Electoral Forum" on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. The forum will be held in the Great Hall and is open to the public without charge. Speakers at the forum include: Lewis P. Fickett, distinguished professor emeritus of political science; Victor Fingerhut, associate professor of political science; Stephen Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science; and Michelle Swers, assistant professor of political science. For more information on the forum, please contact the Department of Political Science and International Affairs at (540) 654-1037.

▼ In honor of American Indian Heritage Month, the college will be sponsoring an American Indian Powwow on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Ball Circle (rain location Great Hall). The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the James Farmer Multicultural Center at (540) 654-1044.

▼ Encore, the Mary Washington College Show choir, will present its fall concert on Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 4. The show, "Puttin' on the Ritz," will be held at 7:30 p.m., both nights, in George Washington Hall, Dodd

Auditorium. The concert will include melodies from several films including "Footloose," "James Bond," and "Stuart Little." Under the direction of adjunct faculty member Jane Tavernier, this is Encore's first performance of the year. For more information on the concert, please contact the Department of Music at (540) 654-1012.

▼ The Asian Student Association will host Asian Cultural Week from Nov. 6 through Nov. 11. The week's kickoff event, "Taste of Asia," will be held on Monday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall. The evening will feature an array of Asian cuisines, including Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Middle Eastern, and Vietnamese. In addition to trying new foods, attendees will enjoy a performance of traditional Filipino and Indian dances, and a fashion show of various Asian ethnicities. On Wednesday, Nov. 8, the theatre troupe "hereandnow" will perform a play at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall. The events are sponsored by the Asian Student Association, The James Farmer Multicultural Center, and the Leidecker Center for Asian Studies. For a complete listing of Asian Cultural Week events, contact Linh M. Tran at (540) 654-3882.

Police Beat



By ELIZABETH WATERS
News Editor

ALCOHOL/DRUGS:

Oct. 21—A student in Bushnell Hall became ill after drinking. The student's blood alcohol content was .19. College police escorted the student to Night Haven and the student was referred to the administration.

Oct. 22—Police received a report of drug activity in Alvey Hall. A student was found in possession of nitrous oxide and balloons. College police are trying to determine whether possession of nitrous oxide is a crime in accordance with the Code of Virginia.

Oct. 27—A resident assistant in Mason Hall confiscated 12 12-ounce bottles of Miller Lite and one 22-ounce bottle of Icehouse from a student's room. The student was referred to the administration.

Oct. 28—An intoxicated student was found on the steps of Mason Hall. The student was transported by rescue squad to the emergency room. The student was referred to the administration.

Oct. 29—A resident assistant in Alvey Hall confiscated one 12-ounce can of Miller Lite from a student's room. The student was referred to the administration.

LARCENY:

Oct. 25—Someone stole between \$8 and \$10 in silver coins from the lobby desk of Mercer Hall. The residents of the hall had been collecting the coins as a competition between the three floors.

Oct. 30—A student's bicycle was stolen from

outside Woodard Campus Center between midnight Oct. 27 and 11 a.m. Oct. 29. The bicycle, described as blue, gray and white and valued at \$300, had not been secured when it was stolen. The bicycle was not registered with the campus police, but the incident is under investigation.

SEXUAL ASSAULT:

Oct. 25—A female student made allegations to college police that James Deeley, a freshman, had committed assault and battery, sexual assault, and stalking against her. College police took the female student to the city magistrate, where she filed a complaint. Based on the complaint, the magistrate issued three warrants for Deeley's arrest. Deeley was arrested and incarcerated on a \$2,500 bond. His hearing is scheduled for Nov. 9 in General District Court.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Oct. 23—A student was stopped by a college police officer in the vicinity of George Washington Hall and was found to be in possession of a false driver's license. The student was arrested.

Oct. 24—College police received a report of trespassing by two men on campus attempting to sell paintings without permission. The men, Robert Anderson, 24, and Michael Disharoon, 21, were barred from campus.

Oct. 27—Police received a report of hit and run property damage after someone knocked over the service vehicles sign between Woodard Campus Center and Willard Hall. The incident occurred between Oct. 24 and Oct. 27. The cost of replacing the sign was \$40.

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FAST FACT:
On "You Can't Do That On Television," the characters of Barth, Snake Eyes, Senator Prevert, the Coach, and Ross were all played by the same actor.

Transfer Attention To The Real Problem

Wednesday the Faculty Senate voted down a measure that would limit the number of general education credits students can transfer to the college after they have matriculated. The motion, which was first proposed last year, would allow only four classes transferred in from other schools to count toward the college's eight general education goals.

The aim of the motion was to prevent students from getting off easy. Too many students take classes at community colleges or other schools to avoid more rigorous curricula at Mary Washington College, according to the motion's proponents.

Opponents of the measure claimed the proposal was rife with problems. It would be detrimental to study abroad students and might make it more difficult for some students to graduate in four years, they said. Many students complain that with the ever-burgeoning student population, it's so difficult to get into many general education classes that they have to go elsewhere to take general education classes before focusing on a major.

While both sides have legitimate concerns, the Faculty Senate made the correct decision in not passing the motion.

But the real problem that is forcing so many students to take classes at other colleges isn't being addressed. The fact of the matter is that Mary Washington College is overcrowded. Every year, more and more students are accepted, and the college isn't hiring enough professors to keep up. Instead, class sizes are increased, decreasing the quality of education at the college.

The administration needs to take steps to stop the college's growth in its tracks. Rather than try to turn Mary Washington College into James Madison University, the administration should drastically decrease the number of students it accepts every year, making the college more competitive and selective and thus improving the college's standing in national rankings.

The headache of registration begins next week, and the large student population means that many students will be denied admittance into courses needed to fulfill general education requirements. Many students opt to transfer in these general education courses from other institutions in order to avoid this hassle.

The Faculty Senate was right to reject a motion that would limit students' freedom to complete general education courses at other schools. Now it's the administration's turn to step up and confront the greater problem of overcrowding.

A Little Acceptance Needed On Both Sides Of CCC

SHANA L. LIPFORD
Guest Columnist

As I picked up the Oct. 26 edition of The Bulletin and read the headline "Christian Community Board Responds To Controversy," all I could think was, here we go again.

I've seen such issues in churches everywhere and I've seen congregations ripped apart by childish bickering on topics that, if not having already been settled in hundreds of earlier years, should not take a heated debate to solve now.

A gay student is feeling excluded. This isn't something anyone should feel in a Christian environment. I agree with board member Donna Deats, who said, "Tolerance is different than being embraced," but I don't side with her beliefs.

To be embraced means "to be accepted eagerly" or "to adopt." So, is the excluded student hoping to be personally "embraced" or does he or she expect that his or her values should also be included in that?

To ask a Christian group of individuals to accept homosexuality is to ask them to go against their religion. As CCC member Matt Simpson stated in the Oct. 26 article, "The goal of the CCC is to have a Christ-centered community and in doing that there's a lot of biblical principles we have to follow."

While gays and lesbians should not be ostracized, there are verses in the Bible which specifically condemn the practice of homosexuality as immoral: God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of its sins, one of which was homosexuality (Genesis 13:13, 19:4-5). Leviticus 18:22 commands "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable." Romans 1:27 also

comments, "in the same way the men also abandon natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion."

However, I strongly disapprove of the approach some people, Christian or not, take to anyone with whom they cannot identify. Whatever a person's lifestyle, we should welcome that person to the church, not meaning that we agree with their personal life, but accepting them as fellow creatures that God loves just as much.

How can we hope to change the values of an individual if we do not let them into our lives and hearts?

I have gay and lesbian friends back home who I care about because they are my friends, ignoring whatever their sexual preference may be.

This doesn't mean I'll help them find a date but it leaves us open to discuss our differences with civility, and I'm strong

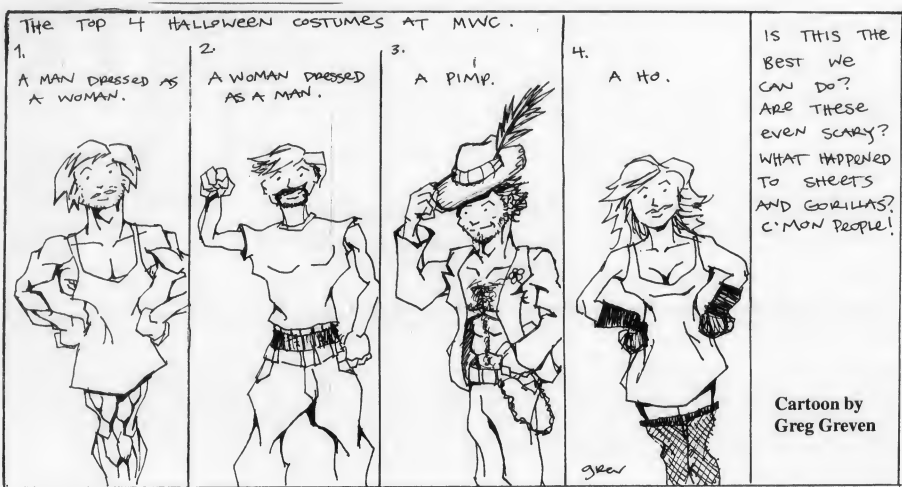
enough in my Christian convictions that I can do this without feeling threatened, and perhaps witness to someone in the process. We can love a person, even if we feel some of their actions are wrong. If my fellow Christians can recall from the Sunday school years, there was a time when Christians were stoned to death in the streets and thrown in prison, and when they looked themselves in their homes in fear.

Even today, many of us know what it's like to be excluded from a party invitation, because of course, Christians don't have fun, or becoming the subject of ridicule because somewhere along the line, being a child of God became uncool.

Romans 14:1 tells us to "Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgement on disputable matters."

Whoever is without sin, let him cast the first stone.

Shana L. Lipford is a freshman.



Cartoon by Greg Greven

Abortion Debate Seldom Leads To Solutions On Issue

SHANNON RINKER
Guest Columnist

We can hold the next 100 issues of The Bulletin with debate and discussion on the whole abortion thing, and we will not get anywhere.

The fact of the matter is that abortion is an extremely tough issue, and one that we will probably never find an easy answer for, if any answer at all.

There is a fundamental divide (and a rather large one) between "pro-lifers" and "pro-choicers." Is it a "child" or isn't it? Without knowing the definitive answer, there will always be major disagreement.

As far as what has been discussed in

these guest columns: well, let's face it: quoting statistics from the National Right to Life Committee, Childbirth by Choice, or any other organization with a clear agenda, doesn't really give accurate facts.

Even "impartial" sources conflict with others, suggesting either a secret bias or some other sort of error. So chastising one author for using National Right to Life Committee stats and then combating them with Childbirth by Choice stats is indeed hypocritical, as Brian J. DeCorla Souza stated in his guest column.

But there is hypocrisy all over this issue: DeCorla Souza claims that pro-lifers "do not oppose a woman's right to do whatever she wants with her body," even allowing us ladies to get tattoos and body piercings (wow thanks!). But in his view, when it comes to reproductive

rights, it's no longer the decision of the individual.

Gov. George W. Bush claims that he is pro-life because he believes that life is precious, yet the state of Texas, under his governorship, executes more people per term than exist in my entire extended family.

DeCorla Souza talks about Melissa Cooper's extremist views as represented in her article. Yet he goes on to equate abortion to the horrors of the Holocaust, which is appalling and insulting to those victims who died—and those who survived—one of the very worst tragedies in world history. I would definitely label that an "extremist" view.

DeCorla Souza states that an in-utero embryo is "clearly another human being." Clearly? What does he find so clear about

it? In what unbiased medical journal can I find this stated as fact? Isn't this the whole heart of the issue?

I guess all I am saying is that no one is definitively right, so no one can come from the "this is how it is" position.

Until we can all agree on where life precisely begins, I just don't personally feel comfortable trampling the rights of those who feel it begins at birth, even if I disagree (which, if you haven't figured out by now, I do not).

Oh, and to get off feminist on you, but until a man can actually have a baby, I for one will not give as much weight to their opinion as I will a woman's. Sorry guys.

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Letters to the Editor

College Republican Predicts Allen Victory

Editor:
As Virginia scholar Frank Atkinson points out in "The Dynamic Dominion," there was little reason to be a Republican in Virginia just 60 years ago. Led by U.S. Senator Harry Byrd, the Democratic Party and its machine dominated state politics for nearly 60 years.

The limited electorate, the organization's system for imposing discipline on its members and Byrd's steady administrative hand worked together to uphold a dominant one-party government.

Poll taxes, literacy tests and frequent discriminatory application of registration procedures put in place to disenfranchise African-American

voters in 1902 produced a mechanism in which those who did not support Democratic candidates could not vote in any election.

Next Tuesday, when the citizens of Virginia elect George Allen to the U.S. Senate, there will be a political shot heard "round the state. Allen's triumph will not only be a victory for conservative values and sound Jeffersonian public policy, it will also be an astounding victory for the Republican party.

After their seizure of the House of Delegates last year, Republicans controlled all branches of the state government for the first time since Reconstruction.

The GOP has emerged through superior grass-roots organization and a steadfast commitment to providing voters with a choice in every election. Let's face it, Allen's opponent. Etc.

Bullet Letter and Editorial Policy

Chuck Robb, has run a pretty shaky and out-of-touch campaign for such a respected political veteran.

Rambling responses and confusion marked Robb's performance in the first debate between the candidates. As reported by The Washington Post, "The Democrat frequently lost the thread of the debate's back-and-forth..." One would think a member of the rhetoric-filled U.S. Senate would be able to follow just about any line of questioning.

Robb, escaping a narrow defeat just six years ago, has also been unable to give Virginia voters a reason to vote for him. Challenge your arsenal and try to answer the following question: what has Chuck Robb done for Virginia? His incredibly short achievement list has meant little opportunity to engage

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to car payments when you are a poor college student



to the new Oceanspray juices in the Eagles Nest



to citizens who don't exercise their right to vote



to the Islamic Student Association giving henna tattoos



to listservs—professors don't have to prove to us that they're high-tech

in the stars

Aquarius - Show a calm persistence. Displays of temper won't solve anything and may not make you feel any better.

Pisces - You may be angry and impatient at the way someone else is dealing with a public situation. Don't leave everything to another person.

Aries - Although you have a chance to build a stronger reputation by putting your creative ideas to use at work, you may give way to aggravations with coworkers.

Taurus - Take time to think things through before you speak. It might be a good idea to write down your ideas, sleep on them, and edit in the morning.

Gemini - You have a profound ability to negotiate contracts, make plans, and carry them out, if you only recognize your true potential.

Cancer - You are sitting on creative ideas that could be profitable, but you have to make time to put your thoughts into a concrete form.

Leo - Keep some problems to yourself. You can work them out, and you will only suffer a great loss of pride if you include other people in the situation.

Virgo - You may have to put aside your personal feelings and adopt a persistent campaign to remind people of the need for urgency.

Libra - Friends, groups, and associates look to you for advice and leadership as never before. You may have to show special consideration when you're discussing things with your partners or a mate.

Scorpio - You must take care of your health and get enough rest in order to carry off all the new projects that are just ahead of you. Get ready for a new lifestyle.

Sagittarius - You could reap special financial benefits by being ready to take on all challenges. You could get an impressive new item for your resume.

Capricorn - Your secret partnership plans could bring new energy into an inspiration that already sets you apart from other people.

Islamic Fashion Show: Where Were You?

By **MARYELLEN FERRO**
Staff Writer

Just after 7 p.m., Lee Hall Ballroom, the site of the Islamic Fashion Show, remained empty. As two men stood at the front of the room and hooked up the sound system, freshmen Karina Keitt and Ryan Butts and junior Toni Fashola, strolled through the doorway talking and laughing.

The tone of their conversation quickly changed when they noticed row upon row of vacant folding chairs.

"This school sucks," Keitt said. "People don't want to learn about anything new. That's just sad that people don't want to learn about other cultures. I mean this school is not exactly diverse so you would think more people would show interest."

Keitt's reaction to the low turnout at the fashion show was also shared by members of the Islamic Student Association.

The Islamic Fashion Show was held on Thursday evening, Oct. 27, and was intended to be the final celebration in a week-long series of events celebrating Islamic culture.

Despite their hard work and efforts, the models, sophomores Uzma Enayatulla,

Valerie Leon and Amina Shafi and juniors Caroline Taylor and Shahla Chohan, were clearly disappointed with student response to the show.

As a result of the poor student attendance, Chohan, Islamic Student Association president, led the evening take on a more relaxed approach.

"We just kind of broke out and were like OK, there are four people here so let's do whatever," Chohan said. "Let's throw ourselves into the audience and do something wild and crazy."

Sting's "Desert Rose" blared from the sound system as the first model strutted across the room wearing a long, flowing, slightly sheer, mint green skirt and matching top. The shirt was cut shorter than normal, fit snugly, and revealed a bit of the model's lower torso and abdomen.

"I thought the clothes were very beautiful," Fashola said. "They were tight. The outfits used a lot of different colors, designs, and lots of beads."

Several of the models wore the traditional Pakistani salwar kameez, a pant-shirt combination that looks like a long skirt paired with a top.

The fabrics were light and airy and ranged from bold, bright splashes of color to more subdued browns and whites.

When Chohan sashayed her way into the room wearing brown pants detailed with elaborate gold prints and intricate beading, she was ready to make the most of the small crowd.

"Models are crossing that barrier of meeting with the audience," Chohan said. "Do you want me to do a little twirl? A little dance?"

Fashola, a good friend of Chohan's, sat in the front row

as Chohan playfully approached her and threw her shawl over Fashola's head.

Chohan mimicked fashion models with her far-off stares, quick turns, and puckered lips. Chohan's response to the small audience kept Fashola, Butts and Keitt laughing.

"Shahla worked really hard and it's disappointing when nobody comes to your events," Fashola said. "She worked really hard to try to help out the Mary Washington campus."

After eight pieces of attire worn throughout several Islamic cultures were quickly presented, Chohan encouraged Shafi and other models to try to remember the dance routine they performed for the Multicultural

FAST FACT:

Although the United States has just 5 percent of the world's population, it has 70 percent of the world's lawyers.



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Islamic Fashion Show model Shahla Chohan was undaunted by the show's poor attendance. Chohan (right) models a traditional Pakistani salwar kameez.



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

"Basically, this was our first Islamic Cultural Awareness Week and quite frankly, I think we pulled it off."

"Let's throw ourselves into the audience and do something wild and crazy."

Shahla Chohan

Students Lend Helping Hands

By **JULIE SHORT**
Staff Writer

It is a small place, tucked away in the tiny shopping center off the busy street of Fall Hill Road. It is a haven for many, a resource center for others. It is a place where all are welcomed and no needs are overlooked. It is a place where children learn, and hope is given new-found meaning. It is a place where love and attention are always readily available for all who walk through the glass doors. It is the Bragg Hill Family Center of Fredericksburg.

"These are my babies," said Doris Henderson, Bragg Hill program director, describing the children involved with Bragg Hill's mentoring program.



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Jocelyn Byers helps an underprivileged child with his homework.

Tyresie Houghton, community ministries assistant at Bragg Hill, said the center provides something many children's homes cannot.

"The children all want to learn, and their home life just doesn't offer all that to them," Houghton said. "Bragg Hill is something that grounds them. They know where they'll be each week at this time."

Mary Washington College's Community Outreach and Resources (COAR) club has been sending student volunteers to the center for the past three years.

Laura York, a senior, is the tutoring administrator for COAR, and oversees the coordination of the college volunteers for Bragg Hill's tutoring program.

"I really like the relationship with the kids," York said. "I'm not really crazy about settling down and doing work either. Third grade math isn't always fun, but the kids are great to be around, and they're always really excited to have us there."

Louise Winstead, a junior, said Bragg Hill has touched her in positive ways also.

"The whole idea of Bragg Hill is to have a safe place for kids to go to," she said. "Kids just want to be loved. A lot of them remembered me from last year. It gave me such an awesome inner peace feeling."

Alicia Mickelson, a junior, discovered the Bragg Hill program through COAR her sophomore year.

"Working at Bragg Hill is a break for me from

everyday college life," Mickelson said. "I leave the center each week feeling like I've really done something good, and contributed to the lives of these kids."

Students arrive at the center every Monday and Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. The first hour is devoted to helping the children with their homework. At 4:30 p.m. children are fed dinner, a practice that was started this year. Educational games are then played until about 5:00 p.m., when the children leave for home.

In just one year, the program's popularity has rapidly grown. Last year COAR only had about four students participating in the program. This year, that number has jumped to about 30.

One factor contributing to this growth has been the community service requirements by certain Mary Washington College sociology professors, such as Cedric Rucker, dean of student life.

Students in Rucker's principles of sociology class must perform 12 hours of community service for any agency in order to pass the course. Many students chose Bragg Hill as their means to fulfill this requirement, and some have continued volunteering at the center.

"It is hard to sever these relationships that students form once they've been established," Rucker said.

Henderson, the director of the Bragg Hill program, and her husband, Joseph, opened the center five years ago to serve as an outreach program from their church, Tower of Deliverance.

The Bragg Hill center is a nonprofit organization, relying on support from local businesses, churches and other public and private contributions.

"The majority of those who come to the center are underprivileged and don't have the opportunity to go to the YMCA," Henderson said. "Our center is free and in the area. And parents don't have to transport their children to come here. They can just send them around the corner."

Thirty-five children are presently enrolled with Bragg

Getting Down And Dirty

By MATT LOWE

Staff Writer

At 7 a.m., as most people start their workday by turning on computers and checking voicemail, Emily Simpson walks the grounds of Mary Washington College examining the flower beds.

She is investigating for possible damage. Disruptive students, curious squirrels, heavy rain and playful dogs often disturb the flowers.

Mary Washington College has numerous attributes that attract students, not the least of which is the beautiful landscaping. The rolling scenery that accompanies the buildings with freshly mowed lawns, blooming flower beds, and abundant trees and bushes have lured many high school seniors to the college.

Simpson, a 1997 graduate, works under Joni Wilson, director of landscape and grounds. Simpson is in charge of designing the flower beds, purchasing the plants, and maintaining the flowers. This fall she ordered 3,555 plants for the beds to last through May, most of which are pansies.

Simpson, the only woman on the 10 person staff, works in the field planting and mulching the beds.

Weather is a major concern for Simpson and the grounds crew.

When the college holds special events, she is responsible for making sure the college campus is perfect, regardless of rain or other climate conditions.

"This week we had to get everything in by homecoming," Simpson said. "I was blessed by perfect weather."

Weather is not the only major effect on the grounds. The recent construction of the Jepson Science Center created an opportunity for new landscaping.

"[Jepson's landscaping] is something we're always working on and trying to improve because it's new," Simpson said.

She explained that dirt had to be brought in when the science building was built, which affected the soil. The soil around Jepson is mostly clay, Simpson said, which is not preferable for planting flowers.

"Fill dirt is often low quality," Simpson said. "And it's difficult to get the soil right for the plants in that area."

The flower beds are constantly changing to offer



Corey Byrnes/Bullet

Emily Simpson replaces damaged plants on campus walk.

the freshest flowers for the seasons, according to Simpson.

"Joni and I brainstorm all the time on what to do next," she said.

Simpson's job in the horticultural field began when she was a student at the college. For five years she worked at Roxbury Mills Farm and Garden Center, a nursery in Fredericksburg.

Richard Blair, campus grounds supervisor, encouraged Emily to apply for a job opening at the college since he admired her work ethic when she was working at Roxbury. In June 1999, Simpson was hired part time by the college to work with their ground's staff. A month later she was promoted to her present full-time position.

"The flower bed behind Simpson library is planted with native perennials, including Black Eyed Susan's and Echinacea. By the Woodard Campus Center, the River Birch tree bed will soon have low growing grasses instead of just mulch surrounding the base of the trees."

Simpson appreciates the challenges and varieties in activities that her job offers her.

"I love what I do," Simpson said. "It's a lifestyle choice."

She enjoys not having to commute to an office job where she is stuck in a building all day when it's sunny and warm out. One other perk to Simpson's job is her ability to express her artistic strengths.

"I get to tap into my creative side," Simpson said. Simpson said she might not make the amount of money that she could if she made a career with her English major, but she is content with her day to day life of having working outside.

Tiny Tikes In Dorms

By JOHN SPACEK

Staff Writer

Living on campus as a professor or residence director is a challenge in itself. But living with young children creates a whole different set of experiences.

"It doesn't feel so odd," said Carmen Gillespie, assistant professor of English. "[Chelsea's] friends think it's cool to live here. They think it is a palace."

Gillespie has lived in Ball Hall with her daughter, Chelsea, for four years. While many parents may shudder at the idea of living on campus with a child in a residence hall filled with college students, Gillespie embraces the idea.

The best part of living on campus, she says, is the interaction she has with students.

"I think I've gotten to know Mary Washington in ways that I may not have if I hadn't lived here," Gillespie said.

Natalie Ellis, assistant director of residence life, has lived in a one-bedroom apartment in Willard Hall with her husband Jonathan since June 1998.

They recently had a son, Mitchell, on May 12.

"It's kind of tight right now," Ellis said.

But she enjoys the convenience of living on campus because she is within walking distance of her child.

"I don't have to commute from my job back home," Ellis said. "It's just comforting to know that I'm just a



"I think I've gotten to know Mary Washington in ways that I may not have if I hadn't lived here."

Carmen Gillespie

few steps away from my son in case something happens." Ellis does say however, that she would rather get an apartment or a house off campus. Space is tight and the noise level living in a residence hall can complicate things, Ellis said. Her apartment is situated just off the Willard Hall lobby.

"I struggle with the fact that I feel [the lobby] is for the students," Ellis said. "But at the same time, I wish that students would respect the fact that we are a family living in the residence hall. That is our apartment and after certain hours, they should keep the noise down."

Ellis added that the students in Willard Hall are usually aren't too loud after she asks them quiet down. She also said students have treated her son well.

"The students, especially in Willard, really have taken to my son very well," Ellis said. "I hope that once Mitchell gets older that he won't be afraid to be around people because he is getting this early exposure."

Ellis is weighing her options on whether she will continue to work for the school. The decision will not be an easy one for her to make.

"I really like it here, a very family-oriented school," Ellis said. "I love working with the students here. I especially love working with the staff."

Gillespie will be moving off campus next summer though she will still teach at the college.

"It was never intended to be permanent," Gillespie said.

Volunteers Work With Kids

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Hill's mentoring and tutoring program. Bragg Hill provides legal advice, job training and placement, GED courses, computer training, spiritual guidance and housing information for those in the area.

Houghton, the community ministries assistant, said these children need the community resources Fredericksburg provides.

"Those who are here have been wounded and they're working through challenges," she said. "They need the resources of the greater Fredericksburg community, because the opportunities just aren't there for them."

While the center continues to provide hope for those struggling in the Bragg Hill community, Houghton knows that the area still has a long way to go before opportunities can be provided for everyone.

"We've come a long ways since the 1960s, but we have a long way left to let the bridges build and the barriers fall," Houghton said.

Houghton attributes much of the center's success to an unlikely source, the children, who she says provide the organization's strength.

"These children all want to learn, and their home life just doesn't offer all that to them," Houghton said. "These children are the beauty of the center. They are a rare world gift."



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Nicole Adams reads Dumbo to Benjamin.

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Sports

the latest athletic news and information

FAST FACT:

Although lighter and lankier, Mike Sellers cannot beat Jon Thompson in a foot race.

schedules

Mens Soccer

Nov. 02: York
Nov. 04: CAC Championships

Volleyball

Nov. 02: at Catholic
Nov. 04: CAC Championships

Cross Country

Nov. 4: CAC Championships

Hand to Hand Combat

Wearing a cup is optional

Pie Eating Contest

I really need to fill some space...

scores

Mens Soccer

Oct. 4: MWC 1 Chris Newport 0
Oct. 7: MWC 3 York 1
Oct. 12: MWC 2 Catholic 0
Oct. 18: MWC 9 Gallaudet 0
Oct. 21: MWC 1 SSU 3

Womens Soccer

Oct. 1: MWC 5 Chowan 0
Oct. 3: MWC 3 Randolph Macon 0
Oct. 7: MWC 3 York 0
Oct. 11: MWC 10 Gaulludet 0
Oct. 12: MWC 6 Marymount 0
Oct. 18: MWC 4 Catholic 0
Oct. 21: MWC 0 Johns Hopkins 1
Oct. 23: MWC 12 Gallaudet 0

Volleyball

Oct. 10: MWC 1 SSU 3
Oct. 11: MWC 2 Randolph Macon 3
Oct. 14: MWC 3 Ramapo 0
Oct. 14: MWC 3 Villa Julie 1
Oct. 14: MWC 0 W&L 3
Oct. 14: MWC 0 W&L 3
Oct. 18: MWC 0 Catholic 3
Oct. 19: MWC 0 Avert 3

Field Hockey

Oct. 3: MWC 2 Salisbury 3
Oct. 7: MWC 3 Messiah 1
Oct. 8: MWC 5 Mary Baldwin 0
Oct. 10: MWC 3 Lynchburg 2
Oct. 12: MWC 3 Va Wesleyan 0
Oct. 18: MWC 3 Rand. Macon 0
Oct. 21: MWC 0 Gettysburg 1
Oct. 23: MWC 8 Goucher 0

athlete of the week

Ellen Anderson

For rewriting the women's soccer record book and giving the sports staff plenty to write about.

Trick Or Treat

MWC Makes Goucher Smell Their Feet With Haunting 5-0 Victory

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH
Assistant Sports Editor

On the day prior to Halloween, the MWC men's soccer team did a little trick or treating of their own in a 5-0 spooking of Goucher College. The trick was senior forward Jason Green's hat trick (scoring three goals in a single game). The treat, of course, was advancing to the second round of the Capital Athletic Conference tournament.

With this, the Eagles won their 11th game of the season and advanced to the CAC semifinals. The team also gained redemption for a 3-0 loss to Virginia Wesleyan on Friday.

"I think we played well. I thought we came together well," Green said.

In Thursday semifinals, MWC will play York College of Pennsylvania Thursday in the semifinals, a team they defeated 2-1 in a tightly fought contest earlier this season.

The Eagles began the game against Goucher by dominating possession and ball control, and throughout the game, MWC showed itself to be the far superior team. It took the Eagles nine minutes to strike, with Green scoring from sophomore midfielder Ryan Geib to make the first goal look easy.

MWC maintained good field position, and Goucher came the closest to scoring in the 23rd minute, but they came away empty. When MWC needed to play defense, which was not often, Goucher seemed ineffective, and MWC seemed flawless.

Five minutes before halftime, Geib added a goal of his own to give the Eagles a 2-0 lead.

MWC continued to apply the pressure throughout the rest of the game as well. Thirteen



Joel Nelson/Bullet
Paul Stepanik



Joel Nelson/Bullet
Martin Smith plays the ball upfield

corner kick from senior midfielder Alex Addison.

"We possessed the ball, finished our opportunities, and got in behind their defense," Nissim-Sabat said.

After this, Green scored two more goals to earn his first MWC hat trick. He scored one on a diving kick from sophomore forward Zach Wineburg to up the lead to 4-0.

"I just touched it once. I kinda got lucky [on that one]," Green said.

Green then scored his final goal with five minutes left in the game on a breakaway to bury the Gophers and send them to their seventh straight loss.

MWC simply outplayed Goucher. The Eagles had 17 shots on goal with seven from Green alone, and they only allowed three. Sophomore goalie Brian Hall only needed two saves during the entire game, which was due to the strong MWC defense.

After this win, the Eagles have been preparing for York all week.

"We're just gonna prepare to play a few more early balls and try to get into their defense a little bit," Coach Roy Gordon said.

If MWC defeats York, the team will almost certainly play Salisbury State in the finals, who gave the Eagles their only conference loss, a 3-1 defeat at homecoming. However, the team knows that it can beat both teams and advance to the NCAA tournament.

MWC Receives Sour Pill From SSU

Women's Soccer Ends Season With First CAC Championship Loss In 4 Years

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH
Assistant Sports Editor

Minutes after a heartbreaking loss to Salisbury State on Saturday, most players on the women's soccer team reflected on this past season, but unlike their teammates, the seniors reflected on the past four years of their soccer careers at MWC. For virtually all of them, this season and the three prior ones have undoubtedly been a success.

The Eagles were looking for their fourth NCAA tournament appearance in as many years, but a 2-1 game to prevented this from happening. A loss in the conference tournament prevents a team from advancing further in the playoffs.

"I think the seniors were disappointed, but it wasn't as devastating as I expected," said senior defender Sarah Downey. "We've accomplished a lot."

The Eagles faced a daunting task coming

into the Capital Athletic Conference championship. Salisbury is 18-0-1, but the MWC players were not overwhelmed by playing them. Last time the teams played, MWC and Salisbury battled to a 1-1 tie.

Senior Ellen Anderson opened up the game by scoring within the first ten minutes to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. MWC then played passive defense, and Salisbury scored several minutes before the first half ended to tie the game 1-1. MWC had some other chances to score in the first half, but did not score.

"I'm disappointed that we did not go for the jugular. When we had them on their heels, we did not apply the pressure," Coach Kurt Glaeser said.

In the second half, MWC improved its level of play, and it appeared that this game, like the first one between these teams, would go to overtime. However, with only three minutes left in the game, Salisbury scored again

to take a 2-1 lead, which the Eagles could not overcome in the final few minutes. As the last few seconds ticked off, so did the Eagles' hopes of returning to the NCAA tournament.

"Our expectations are so high, and I really can't apologize for feeling disappointed," Glaeser said. "We just didn't do it this year."

The Eagles finished the season successfully with a 14-4-4 record, and they were the runners-up in the CAC tournament. However, the team faced problems throughout this season in defeating key opponents at key times.

"Where we lacked was overcoming the pressure of a big game. We did not win a big game at all. That was one of the frustrating things of the season," Downey said.

For the seniors, this was their last soccer game at MWC. Under their reign, this program advanced to the CAC final every year, and they defeated Salisbury in each final but this one. With this success, they are pleased with what they accomplished.

"We've been a real strong program," Anderson said. "I think we've really made a good strong name for ourselves."

Nametags Required

Large Freshman Class to Make Basketball Debut in 2000-2001 Season

By KRISTY LEONARD
Assistant Sports Editor

Out with the old and in with the new. Last season, the Mary Washington College men's basketball team discovered transfer students do not always equal success. The team has taken on a new shape during the 2000-2001 season; almost half are freshmen.

Under the instruction of Coach Rod Wood, who is in his fifth season at MWC, the team will compete in its first regular season game on November 17 at home against Capital College.

Wood said that as a coach he has experimented with different tactics to try to find what works best for the make-up of a team.

"I have gone through a new-process every year finding out who can be successful, who cannot be successful here," he said. "The transfer route didn't work out well for the basketball team so this year I didn't bring in any transfers."

Sophomore Brett Lively, one of the remaining transfers from last year and also a captain this year, said that bringing in so many transfers halfway through the season was like starting all over.

"It was tough especially because we all transferred in at the middle of the year," Lively said. "It just kind of disrupted the chemistry and flow of things. We just couldn't get things together into a rhythm."

Wood, who won Capital Athletic Conference Coach of the year award in 1997, and senior team members will work together to build strength and skill among the new players.

"I brought out more freshmen this year than I ever have before," Wood said. "There is a learning curve that we have to go through, and as long as we get better each and every game, I'll be happy with the success of our team."

Lively, a shooting guard, said that the freshmen will be a great asset to the team this year.

"A lot of [freshmen] are going to be playing right away I think," he said. "It's going to be a learning experience for them in the early part of the season but I think it will benefit them and the team in the long run."

Junior Ryan Kenna, returning starter and a captain, said that the team is advancing into this season with an alternate strategy.

"We're taking a different approach this year, putting in a new offense," he said. "Hopefully the team can play well under this new style."

Lively expects many accomplishments because of the new approach the team is taking.

"We're really optimistic because we've pretty much redefined the whole way we're doing things compared to last year," Lively said. "We're trying to be a lot more structured and more disciplined, both on offense and defense. We're just trying to be more patient and more careful with the ball."

Senior Paul Stoddard believes the freshmen and new strategies will give rise to many accomplishments this year.

"We have a lot of new freshmen and we still have seven people returning," Stoddard said. "We have a good basis of returning people and freshmen, a lot of good people on the team this year."

The overall success of the team, according to Wood, depends on more than just final scores.

"It won't be measured in wins and losses. It will be measured in how well we do as a team, getting better game by game and week by week."
Rod Wood

"I'm disappointed that we did not go for the jugular. When we had them on their heels, we did not apply the pressure"
Kurt Glaeser



Joel Nelson/Bullet
After Salisbury scored, Rebecca Vaccaro runs to console Goalie Mary Snedeker.

A Season Not To Be Forgotten

Field Hockey Drops Tough 1-0 Loss But Still Has Many Successful Moments

By **CAROLYN MURRAY**
Staff Writer

In a 20-game season, one instant stands out above the rest for the field hockey team.

"Our most memorable game was our win over Messiah," senior captain Amy Smith said.

On Oct. 7, the team defeated the sixth ranked school in the nation 3-1.

"We were the only team to beat them for their entire season, as far as I know," junior Meredith MacDonald recalled.

The team suffered a one-goal loss to York College of Pennsylvania on Oct. 26, ending its chance at a conference title and a chance at Nationals. Top scorer sophomore Shannon Noble said the problem was that they "could not execute the corners."

Smith agreed. "We dominated the game. Mary Washington was the better team and better skilled. We just couldn't get the ball in the cage," she said.

MacDonald offered perspective from the defensive side, as goalie.

"There was a lot of inexperience on the back line, but we were still strong," she said.

She attributes success to having a

strong attitude.

"Even if you don't feel [tough], you still have to pretend to be. That's what Coach Hall tells us," MacDonald explained.

Overall, the team had a record of 14-6 and won three games in their conference.

"The most intense game was against Salisbury State," Smith said. In the first half of the game, the Eagles were down 3-0 but came back the second half and managed to score two goals.

"We never gave up," she asserted. "We came out feeling proud."



Joel Nelson/Bulletin
Captain Amy Smith

Throughout the season, the team remained close. "We were all good friends, and that helped us to be successful," Smith said.

MacDonald noted that the team had a strong freshman class, and caring seniors. "I absolutely love the seniors to death," she said.

The players expect the team to be strong next year, given the amount of talent the

freshman class has. Smith, who plans to continue with field hockey after graduation, said, "I can't wait to come back and watch the team."

She believes that the team's determined attitude helped their success. Her advice to the team next year: "Never give up on your goals. If the underclassmen can stick together, they can make it to Nationals."

Frustration 2000

Commentary by **KURT THURBER**
Sports Editor

It's about that time to make an important decision that will impact your well-being. The leaves are changing colors, bears are hibernating, and the Summer Olympics has come and gone. That's right—making the transition from your summer to winter wardrobe. Trading in your whites and beiges for brown and husky gray tones, pulling out your to die for Versace mittens.

Kurt, this is obtuse. I mean you are a sports editor—let's talk about something more relevant. Who should I vote for in 2000?

Well, fine if fashion ain't your passion let's talk a little politics.

The choices are so mindboggling that it is giving me foot cramps. There are pros and cons for both major party candidates.

Al Gore has:

1. Three hot daughters I would date sober.
2. The capacity to understand the written word.
3. The man looks dapper in plaid.

Then again, Al Gores' batteries might not be good through 2004.

George W. Bush has a few admirable qualities.

1. He can use a fork with both the left and right hand.
2. He uses the word "fuzzy" freely.
3. He goes for the Garth Brooks cowboy boot look.

GW has his flaws, I am smarter than he is (I have a 2.6 GPA), "fuzzy" is the only two syllable word he knows, and he traded away Sammy Sosa from the Texas Rangers (in geo-political terms that is like trading Great Britain for Greenland and Luxembourg).

Since this is the sports section let me use sports analogies. Al Gore would be Steve Young the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback. Young, who continued Joe Montana's legacy of greatness, was

named league MVP twice and finished his career with the highest quarterback rating ever. GW Bush would be more Pat Knight. Pat Knight, who other than being able to throw a two-handed bounce pass had no other basketball abilities whatsoever. I'm sure with his dad, Bob Knight, being the coach, Pat made Division I Indiana basketball team on his own merit. Any coach will tell you with two seconds left on the clock, down by two, you need a clutch bounce pass.

Kurt, these candidates are not making me swoon in excitement. Is there anyone else out there, anyone?

Short answer: yes. The long answer I don't think you want what you wish for.

There is Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, who is really in his 60s but looks about 140-years-old. It would take the man five minutes to run the 40-yard dash. If he wins we will have seatbelts on our couches, jacuzzis and kitchen tables. Pat Buchanan the Reform Party candidate doesn't use the word fuzzy and is anti-roller coasters. Buchanan would also build a wall between the US and Mexico (not cool)

Kurt, when I am inhaling car exhaust just for the fun of it, I can't help but read the bumper stickers, "Charlton Heston is my frustration in this election?"

If Montana was only a country. I say what the heck, if you think guns are fun and you can't loose with booze, write-in Chuck on your ballot. The man played Moses in "The Ten Commandments", and a gas station attendant in "Wayne's World 2." He hasn't announced his candidacy but who cares, he got to make-out with Sophia Loren (she is a lot better looking than Monica Lewinsky) in "El Cid."

It is a big decision I am glad I have had the opportunity to present the facts for this election in a rationale manner. So who I am voting for? Well, Steve Young won the Super Bowl.

"I say what the heck, if you think guns are fun and you can't loose with booze, write-in Chuck on your ballot.."
Kurt Thurber

Playing Above The Net

MWC's Volleyball team defeated Gallaudet University 3-0. Next the team will travel to play Catholic University on Nov. 2 in the CAC semifinals. The CAC championships are Nov. 4. Right, Megan Bintz spikes the ball. Below, two Eagles soar for the block as they seek their 20th victory of the season and complete their season of turnaround.



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your guide to entertainment

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Mason Hall used to have a bowling alley in the basement.

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▼ **Sat., Nov. 4:** *Dance*. Randolph's 2nd Annual Hustler Hop. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$3.

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▼ **Tues., Nov. 7:** *Applefest*. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Outside Lee hall.

top ten movies

- 1) Meet the Parents
- 2) Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2
- 3) Remember The Titans
- 4) Bedazzled
- 5) Pay It Forward
- 6) The Little Vampire
- 7) Lucky Numbers
- 8) The Contender
- 9) The Legend Of Drunken Master
- 10) Best In Show

Opening This Weekend: "Charlie's Angels," starring Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz, and Bill Murray. Rated PG-13.

source: <http://www.mrshowbiz.go.com>

quote of the week

"I don't need to go to a campus bar to be reminded of my lack of success with a bunch of thrill-seeking snotty college kids."

Max, "Kicking and Screaming"

Presidential Credentials

By KEVIN J. HICKERSON
Staff Writer

As I was channel surfing the other day, trying to avoid the onslaught of political advertising for the 2000 election, I ran into a commercial for the movie "Primary Colors." It made me think: What political movies are the best and worst ever? I scratched a few titles down off the top of my head. Then, I held an impromptu survey with three people. Here is a small list of our picks.

Top five political films
5. "JFK". This movie, starring Kevin Costner and Tommy Lee Jones, tries to take the Kennedy assassination and solve it within three and a half hours. Kevin Bacon is also in this film and considering the large cast, it makes the "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" game a lot easier.

4. "Mars Attacks". This film probably would not be considered political by most standards, but I disagree because there are various concepts that are buried underneath the story that are unseen to the naked eye. Jack Nicholson does a superb job of trying to maintain control of a country that is being overrun by aliens. Glenn Close and Pierce Brosnan head an all-star cast that satires this nation to the extreme.

3. "The American President". Michael Douglas is a president trying to cope with the loss of his wife. He meets Annette Bening's character while running for re-election and falls in love with her. This movie is an excellent balance between politics and romance.

2. "Nixon". The title of the movie sets the tone for the whole film about a power-hungry president with nothing but control on his mind. Anthony Hopkins delivers an awesome performance as the brooding Richard Nixon. Again, Oliver Stone makes another movie in which you could eat a full course meal during the film and be hungry for a snack by the time you are finished. What will be Stone's next presidential endeavor? Can you say "Clinton"?

1. "All the President's Men". An associate put this movie in one day at Hollywood Video and

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When Old Town Turns Ghost Town

By ROBIN RAE MORGAN
Staff Writer

Hordes of people gathered together at Market Square Oct. 27 and 28 to take part in the 16th annual Ghost Walk. Presented by the Historic Preservation Club, Ghost Walk consisted of small tours through the streets of Fredericksburg entertaining its participants with legendary ghost stories.

On the tour I took last weekend, the guide first told us about Fielding Lewis, George Washington's brother-in-law, who had been buried beneath the steps of the

Market Square church. When the church was later moved, its position shifted, covering Lewis' grave. Looking out into the cemetery for ghosts but finding only darkness, our guide moved us on to the Presbyterian Church on Princess Anne Street.

The guide told us that the church, built in 1833, had served as a hospital for Union troops during the Civil War. Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross, worked at the hospital during the war. From beyond the church's fence, pain-filled cries beckoned our group to take a closer look where we came across the ghost of Barton tending to

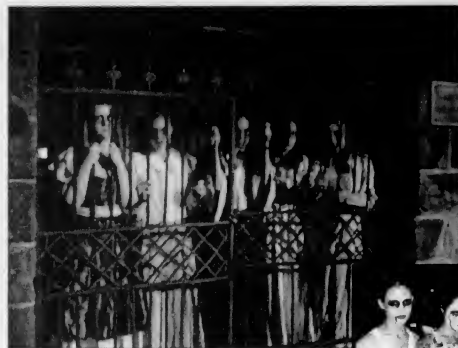
injured soldiers on the lawn.

From there, we were guided up to Charles Street and the Masonic Cemetery where our guide proceeded to explain that many of the headstones in the cemetery were for graves that had been covered by the Heilig-Meyers store on William Street. Within the cemetery, we saw several ghosts wandering around just as legend states, in search of their missing headstones. As our group passed, some of these spirits approached the gate and surprised screams from fellow tourists filled the night air.

Moving on, we went next door to the James Monroe Museum, which was situated at approximately the same place as Monroe's law firm in 1786. We were then "introduced" to the museum's proprietor, Mr. Hughs, the great-great-grandson of James Monroe who worked at the museum from 1926 to 1978. He told us about the time he saw Monroe's ghost pass through the door of the building, leaving a huge crack, causing the door to not reappear. Hughs, who still possibly haunts the museum, actually died in 1978 and was buried in the garden out back.

We then walked to the Smithsonian on Charles Street, built in 1834 by the Presbyterians as an orphanage for girls. It was a building rumored to host the spirit of a headless blue lady. The young spirits skipping rope outside began jesting about the headless woman when suddenly she appeared behind them, causing them to run away screaming.

Next on the tour was the Mary Washington House where the mother of George lived for the last 17 years of her life. Over the years many people have seen Mary and her daughter Betty Lewis, walking through the



At left, historic preservation students are spirits stuck in a graveyard searching for their missing headstones. And at right, two girls follow the ghost tour and eerily spook the guests.



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

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Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome!

Students Prepare For Mary Washington's Latest Musical, "Cabaret"

By SARAH LUCAS
Staff Writer

Fans of the movie version of the hit musical "Cabaret" will be in for a surprise if they come to see Mary Washington College's take on the show, which starts Nov. 9.

"I think it's going to be different than most people expect it to be, but I think our take on it is definitely thought-provoking," said sophomore assistant stage manager Kelli Hayes. "It's significantly different from the movie version. The movie is all happy, and we're kind of going for more thoughtful."

According to director Gregg Stull, associate professor of theatre, "Cabaret" centers around the relationship between an American traveling in Berlin and a performer at the Kit Kat Club before the start of World War II.

"[The musical] is about their relationship in Germany at that time, which was a really volatile time. The political climate affects them and affects everyone around them," Stull said.

Stull also has directed the musicals "Baby" and "Sweeney Todd," as well as the play "Six Characters in Search of An Author."

"We have an excellent cast," said Stull. "They're doing incredibly hard work, and I think it's gonna be a phenomenal show."

Between musical numbers, Cabaret focuses on the turmoil in Germany right before World War II. "At that time in [Germany] there was a great buildup of events going on, politically, socially, economically," said freshman Ben Kolodziej, who plays Victor. "I think my character is a good

representation of the uncertainty that the country felt at the time, and the desire for unity and self-esteem that was needed throughout the country. My character is kind of lost in the shuffle, searching for his own identity."

Senior Paul Dunford plays Cliff, who he said has a similar perception to that of the audience.

"[Cliff] doesn't know what he's getting into when he comes into this world," Dunbar said. "[The play] starts with him arriving at this place he's never been before, and he is really eager about experiencing it to the fullest extent. He goes through an incredible journey from the beginning of the play."

The students playing dancers in the Kit Kat Club made up stories about their characters that were not in the script.

"What I did for my character is that she's from a small village in Germany," said senior Sara Nash, who plays Kit Kat dancer Fritzie. "When she was 18 she moved to Berlin to

"I've never walked in high heels or worn a dress, so I had to learn how to dance wearing those things. That's been the main challenge."

Monty Myers

Fredericksburg community. There's a lot of sex, there's a lot of talk about sex. Basically the girls at the club are selling sex."

In one of the musical's racy numbers, "Two Ladies," bisexual Kit Kat dancer Herman Frank, who often performs sexual favors for customers, plays dresses and sings about having a threesome with two other characters.

"I really don't have any problems with [cross-dressing]," said junior Monty Myers, who plays Herman Frank. "It's part of the character. It's been kind of hard to get used to, but I've given me high heels and a dress, and I've never walked in high heels or worn a dress, so I had to learn how to dance wearing those things. That's been the main challenge."

The performers are all very pleased about how the rehearsals have been progressing.

"I think the show's going along really well," said freshman Jessica Best, who plays Kit Kat girl Texas. "I think everybody's doing an exceptional job. Especially since we've put in so much time, it's amazing that everyone's not completely drained."

Kolodziej agrees. "I think [the musical] is going great," he said. "This is my first year, and the pace is so much quicker than a high school performance. It's great to be involved with the department at Mary Washington, just because in all aspects of the production...everyone has a passion for what they're doing."

Mary Washington College does not perform musicals every year, because they present extra challenges.

"I think [a musical] is very difficult for performers because not only do you have to speak, you have to dance and you have to sing," Dunford said. "I think that musicals are a lot more fun, because you sing, because there's hyped emotion, and it gets to the point where you have these pure sort of emotional moments."

Cabaret opens Nov. 9 and runs until Nov. 19, with shows Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m.



The cast of "Cabaret" rehearses for the big opening on Nov. 9.

Juliette Gomez/Bullet

conservative

Who Are You Going To Vote For In The Presidential Election?

Photos and interviews by Juliette Gomez



"Al Gore because I'm concerned with Roe vs. Wade and women's right to choose"

-Nicole Harris, sophomore



"Ralph Nader because he knows and he sticks by his values."

-Hilary Callahan, junior



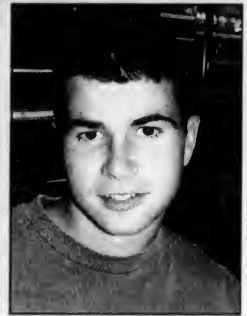
"Gore because he's the lesser of the two evils."

-Erin Boyer, freshman



"Nader because I'm literally ashamed to vote for either Bush or Gore."

-Lee Miller, junior



"I'm undecided between Sameer and Sally Sanchez."

-Jon Macone, freshman

Things That Go Bump In The Night

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gardens together. And sure enough, they appeared in front of us.

At Kenmore, our guide introduced us to a woman named Grace Walker, who in 1971 called a séance for Fielding Lewis. He was said to haunt the grounds of his home due to financial problems during the Revolutionary War. Walker and her group began to channel Lewis, who showed up only to order us away so that he could return to his sleep.

Our journey next took us to the Smythe's Cottage on Fauquier Street, which began at a blacksmith's shop and was then rumored to be a bordello during the Civil War. After the war, a woman who was rumored to be a former member of the brothel, came to own the cottage. Upon hearing this

her fiancé broke off the engagement and the woman, took her own life. When her ex-fiancé learned that her involvement was only a rumor, he too killed himself at the cottage. As we heard the tale, a pale face appeared in the window.

Next was Princess Anne Street, where we visited the Wheeler House, thought to be one of the few remaining homes from the revolutionary era still in Fredericksburg.

It is believed that a fire that destroyed most of these homes in 1807 was the result of a couple of drunken cooks whom we saw sitting on the steps of the Wheeler house falling all over themselves. When they noticed the fire, they suddenly

took off running but not without their alcohol.

The tour then headed to the Willis House where union soldiers came to hide after crossing the Rappahannock River. Our tour guide told us that a young soldier was hiding in there when he was shot and killed, and that his spirit still haunts the house.

Our tour ended ended at the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop on Caroline Street. We met up with Mercer once again only this time he was drunk; an injured patient was brought to him and in a flash, he was amputating limbs and throwing them at us.

For those of you who missed out this was just a taste of how it went in hopes that you will be inspired to participate next Halloween.

Just In Time For Election Day

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I caught bits and pieces of it. The bits and pieces I watched were good so I rented it and watched it at home. What I saw blew me away. Dustin Hoffman and Robert Redford star as Woodward and Bernstein I remember a searing plot involving the whole Watergate affair. The movie is more of a whodunit than a history lesson because we are seeing the story through the eyes of two people who do not know exactly what is going on.

Worst Political Movie of All Time

The first movie that comes to my mind for this category is the movie "Dick." Starring Kirsten Dunst and Michelle Williams, this movie centers around the familiar theme of the Nixon presidency and the subsequent Watergate scandal. "Dick" is supposed to be funny but there are only cheap laughs to be found. Dunst and Williams stumble through this movie like presidential candidate George W. Bush

stumbles through his speeches.

Best President in a Movie

For this award, I considered Nicholson in "Mars Attacks" and Hopkins in "Nixon" but Peter Sellers trumps both of them with his role in "Dr. Strangelove." Although Nicholson plays two characters well in his movie, he does not play three characters with the vigor that Sellers does. This alone sets them apart.

Worst President in a Movie

When thinking of this dubious title, the worst performance had to come from Bill Pullman in "Independence Day." Pullman walks through this role about as stiff Al Gore's giving a speech. In my mind, his effort at serious acting has failed because I can only see him as that lovable idiot in "Spaceballs."

Maybe a movie will come around some day that will change my vote. But until then, I will keep campaigning and watching for better political films.

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"We use words like honor, code, loyalty.
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 life spent defending something."
 Jack Nicholson
 in a Few Good Men



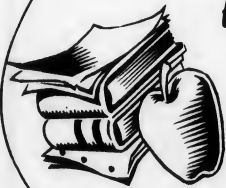
"Mine honour is my life; both grow in one;
 Take honour from me, and my life is done."
 William Shakespeare, King Richard II

"The measure of a man's real
 character is what he would do if he
 knew he would never be found out"
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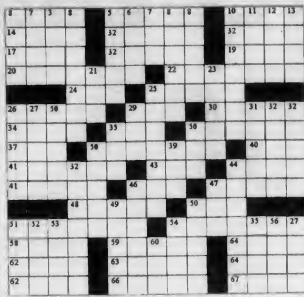


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By Ed Canty

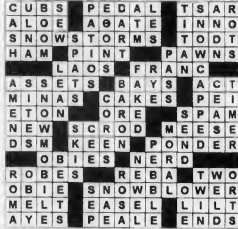
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 49 Actress Della Barr 1931
 50 Bert _____ Ms. America MC
 51 100 yard run
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 56 Consumes
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 60 Musician's job

WINTER WONDERLAND



The answer to this week's crossword will appear in the next Bulletin.

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A Vote For Nader Can Be A Vote For Nader

CAROLINE WALLINGER
 Staff Writer

Some voters who are thinking of voting for Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader may think that a vote for Nader is a vote for Republican George W. Bush. The American electoral system undermines the popular vote, so in a state where Bush is sure to win, a vote for Democrat Al Gore means virtually squat.

Voters in Virginia want their vote for Gore to count. A voter in a tightly-contested swing state may want to vote for Nader, but fear that Bush would benefit.

If those two voters got together, they could make a pact such that the Virginian would cast a ballot for Nader in a state where it wouldn't hurt Gore, and the other voter could vote for Gore to keep Bush out of office.

This idea has caught on, and on the Web site www.nadertrader.org, voters can find all the information

they'll need to know about the battleground states and vote trading. On www.winincampaign.org, voters can actually post to a forum and pledge their vote to either Nader or Gore to find a match in a different state. That way, if you don't know anyone in a battleground state you can still trade your vote.

There are already thousands of people who have done this, and analysts say that 100,000 pairs could easily swing the election comfortably for Gore while at the same time getting Nader his 5 percent of the popular vote, leading to federal funding for the Greens.

I urge students to make a difference in this election! Don't be resigned to a worthless vote in a Republican state. Lend a hand to a Nader supporter in a swing state by trading your vote. Even more fun, pull one over on the Electoral College! Help the Internet take over the world! You can insert your evil laughs here.

Caroline Wallinger is a junior.

Robb's A Goner, Winslow Says

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in credit claiming.

A phenomenal lack of political savvy has also contributed to his poor campaign performance. At a restaurant just a week ago, Robb finished his barbecue lunch, marched up to the counter, and in front of potential voters, demanded to know why the cookie recipe had been changed. As reported in the Post, he said, "They're not as chewy as they used to be. They're still good, but they used to be yummy." The Post called it a moment of awkwardness. I call it idiocy.

In contrast, Allen has marked his campaign with a cheerful and respectable attitude and performance. More importantly, he has promised to be an active voice in the U.S. Senate. Allen wants to look out for Virginia's interests and work to bring home the bacon.

As governor, Allen played a crucial role in reducing

state welfare rolls, which are down nearly 50 percent, the lowest in three decades, saving taxpayers \$130 million over five years. He reformed the state's education system, instituting the nationally recognized Standards of Learning tests.

Allen abolished parole in Virginia, forcing violators to serve their entire sentences. As a result, crime rates have fallen by over 16 percent for the three most violent felonies: rape, murder and robbery.

Allen and Robb. One has a largely positive record. One doesn't have a record. One has a clear vision for Virginia. One has the wrong vision. One will be our next senator. One will be playing golf soon.

Christopher M. Winslow
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Candlelight Vigil 2000 Educates Campus On Sexual Assault And Domestic Abuse

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Every seven seconds a woman in the United States becomes a victim of domestic violence and every six minutes a woman in this country is sexually assaulted.

On Wednesday, Oct. 25 the college held Candlelight Vigil 2000, with the assistance of over ten different groups on campus and the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence (RCDV) and the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault (RCASA).

Senior Tammie Willis, who played a large role in organizing the program, said that this event is a great starting point toward the path of recovery for many victims.

"Traditionally it's been a place where people can break their silence, and until a person breaks their silence they can't begin healing," Willis said.

Alexis Wright, the campus representative for the event, hopes that this program can offer help to victims of sexual or domestic abuse.

"The most important point of this program is to give help because a lot of people stay silent victims and they don't realize what options are out there for them," Wright said. "They need to realize that they can go from a victim to a survivor to a thriver."

The program included speeches by RCASA and RCDV representatives and two women who had been victims of sexual and domestic abuse.

RCASA is a private, nonprofit agency that provides services for victims of sexual assault and their significant others and seeks to raise public awareness on the issues surrounding sexual assault.

Linda Hamrick, RCASA representative, said she hopes to make people more aware of the many services available for victims of sexual assault.

"Individuals are not alone and we encourage them to reach out for support," Hamrick said. "We offer a 24-hour hotline that is confidential and students can call as often as they need to. They can also come into our office for short or longer term advocacy."

College police Lt. Richard Knick, who was present at the vigil, said feels it is important that

students are aware of sexual and domestic abuse and the services the police can provide.

"I don't think domestic or sexual assault is a big problem on our campus but I think as a community we need to be aware of it," Knick said. "Campus police offer a criminal investigation and we are an initiative for Victims Witness Assistance and we also act as a referral to Psychological Services and the Health Center. If the victim is a residential student we work with Residence Life."

According to the Student Right To Know booklet published by college police, there were no incidents of sexual battery and/or assault reported to the college police or administration in 1998 or 1996 and one incident in 1997. The statistics for sexual offenses on campus in 1999 are not available because this year's Student Right To Know booklet has not yet been published.

Nancy Fowler, executive director of RCDV, feels it is important for outside help services to be active on college campuses.

"RCDV has been around for 22 years and active on the MWC campus for these vigils for 9 years," Fowler said. "We train college students through our training program and we'd love to be more active because this is a subject people need to know about."

Jaime Brundage, a sophomore, commented on the bravery of the speakers who shared their experiences with domestic and sexual assault with the crowd.

"I was very impressed with the speakers," Brundage said. "The stories were very powerful and it was courageous of them to speak in front of that many people."

Junior Kristy LiPuma said she thought the event accomplished what it set out to.

"Sexual and domestic violence affects so many people whether they're the victims or not and it's a big problem on college campuses," LiPuma said. "It's a good forum for people to be able to speak up and raise awareness."

Knick said he feels obligated to educate students and help them feel safe on campus.

"We're a community just like any other and it's part of our mission statement to provide education to members of the college and to provide a safe environment for the students," Knick said.



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Freshman Danielle Reeves pins a purple ribbon to the wreath at the vigil to represent a victim of sexual violence.

▼ Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault: 371-1666

▼ Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence: 373-9373

▼ Psych Services: 654-1053

▼ Health Center: 654-1040

▼ College Police: 654-1025

▼ Fredericksburg Area Rape Hotline (24 hrs.): 371-1212

▼ Fredericksburg Area Victim/Witness Assistance Program: 372-1038

Senate Rejects Motion

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together a report on student feedback and related issues. This research found that 84 percent of Mary Washington College students polled do not favor the motion. The committee agreed that the limit should be moved up to four total courses that could be transferred to the college.

"During the summer students usually want to take two classes in two different summers which adds up to four courses," Opp said.

After meeting with the Academic Affairs Committee, the motion was changed to limit the general education transfer credit to four classes.

Eric Gable, assistant professor of anthropology and faculty senator, felt that the motion was unnecessary.

"It seems to me that if we are doing four courses that we aren't even doing anything and we are just avoiding the problem," Gable said. "I would vote for not voting against these motions at all and then vote on the real problem, foreign language requirements."

Gable's comments emphasized that the class of 2001 transferred a total of 325 credits, 209 of which were in foreign language classes.

Elizabeth Lewis, assistant professor of Spanish and chair of the faculty Academic Affairs Committee, said that the goal of the motion was not solely to address students taking foreign languages elsewhere.

"It is a very small number of students, but there is the possibility of taking 90 of your 120 credits elsewhere which is something that we don't think is right," Lewis said.

According to statistics provided by the Office of Academic Affairs, approximately 1.5 percent of all courses taken by full-time Mary Washington College students in the 1999-2000 academic year were transfer courses, and about half of

those courses could be counted toward general education goals. Therefore, the pending motion would have affected less than 1 percent of all courses taken in the 1999-2000 academic year. These facts led faculty senate members to reconsider the issue.

"I don't believe we need to deal with an issue that isn't even an issue," said Roy Gordon, professor of physical education and faculty senator.

Clavio Ascari, professor of Italian and faculty senator, feels that the restrictions on transferred courses cause a large number of students to take into level foreign language courses at the college to fulfill the language requirement. This leads to a decrease in the upper level foreign language courses taught because of the shortage of personnel.

"We do not want to lose our advanced literature and civilization courses," Ascari said. "I think this matter should be analyzed by the department separately and presented to the senate."

The accumulation of all the faculty senators' doubts led to the majority vote of defeating the motion. The lack of clarity on the topic led to an overall confusion and disagreement among faculty senators.

Despite the defeat of the proposal, Opp still feels that students' voices were heard.

Both Opp and Lewis said that the true movement behind the motion was educational philosophy rather than practical concerns.

"I disagree philosophically with what the senate said, but I understand and respect their decision," Lewis said. "Either way it would not have had a big effect because it was not going to change what most students do."



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